FISCAL NOTE

HB 2775 - SB 2973

February 3, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that both the regular August and November election days shall be school holidays and schools shall be closed on such days, but such closing shall not affect the regular school term.

Current law requires each school system to maintain a term of not less than 200 days as follows:

- 1. 180 days for classroom instruction;
- 2. 10 days for vacation with pay for a 200 day term, 11 days for vacation with pay for a 220 day term, and 12 days for vacation with pay for a 240 day term:
- 3. 5 days for in-service education;
- 4. 1 day for parent-teacher conferences; and
- 5. 4 other days as designated by the local board of education upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Local Govt. Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

Assumes a decrease in local government expenditures (utilities, transportation, other operating costs) from the closing of schools for the two election days. However, local government expenditures would increase due to keeping the schools open two extra days during the school year to meet the 180 day requirement for classroom instruction.

Assumes that existing vacation days or other days as designated by the local board of education will be used to make up classroom instruction for the two election days. Schools must still adhere to the 180 classroom instruction requirement. Therefore, the effect on local governments is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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